

Cycling & Walking Sub-Committee

7th March 2018

Attendance:

Cllr Ciarán Cuffe, Chair of Cycling & Walking Sub Committee

Edel Kelly, DCC

Clive Ahern, DCC

Colm Ennis, DCC

Kieran Ryan, Dublin Cycling Campaign

Nuala Kelly Dublin Cycling Campaign

Stephen McManus, IBIKE

Orlaith Maguire, RSA

Damien Ó Tuama, Researcher/Consultant

Christopher K Manzira, DCC

Apologies:

Dick Brady, DCC

Barbara Connolly, Cycling Ireland

Fiona Kelty, National Council for the Blind of Ireland

Colm Ryder, Dublin Cycling Campaign

Alita Rivero, Dublin Cycling Campaign

Jane Hackett, An Taisce

Administration:

Jenny Sweeney, DCC, Marian Cheevers, DCC

1 Minutes of Cycle & Walking Sub – Committee meeting held on 18/01/18

1 item raised: 30K Speed Limit needs to be brought out to the suburbs, there is a 'Speed Limit Sub Committee' being formed to look at issues.

January 2018 - Minutes agreed.

2 Projects

Royal Canal Phase 2, tenders are due in today at 2.30pm (7th March) contract should be in the next 6 weeks.

Clontarf to City Centre, meeting with the NTA on Friday and construction works should commence this year.

Dodder/Herbert Park to Donnybrook, designer in now, DCC received notification from the NTA regarding the final budget.

Royal Canal phase 3, Nuala Kelly asked is there any movement on phase 3? Christopher K Manzira (CKM) says there is a 3rd quarter phase 3 plan for this year, the design is awaiting approval. DCC hope to complete the process within 4 weeks which will allow us to go to tender in April. Designs previously had been sent back hence the delay.

Cross Guns Bridge is in phase 3, a preliminary assessment has been done on Phibsboro Bridge, and something specifically is needed for the bridge.

Cllr Cuffe suggested if it's possible to work with Waterways Ireland, CKM says they are very helpful with communication and that we are working with them regarding licences.

Orlaith Maguire asked if Clonskeagh project will resume, CKM says yes it's to resume in May, it has been paused. DCC and the NTA made a decision to pause due to staff limitations and resources and also with the Dodder project.

Cllr Cuffe asked if there was a 3rd party review on the Clontarf to City Centre project and is this a reference to legal advice? CKM says no it's our own view; it's not covered in the cycle manual.

Cllr Cuffe wants it noted that all projects on the project list should be discussed.

3 ITS Report /Pedestrian Crossings

Edel Kelly updated committee regarding prioritizing requests from Green Schools, i.e. giving more 'Green time' on pedestrian lights requested by school kids.

Cllr Cuffe discussed the alignment of proposed bus traffic corridors ie Mountjoy Square/Parnell square, there's no pedestrian crossing which is unfair on residents. Parnell Square put in improvements cheaply e.g. using tarmac instead of granite. The use of Zebra/Pelican crossings as a cheaper and quicker alternative to signalised crossings was discussed.

4 Quick wins

Christopher K Manzira informed the committee that there is an allocation from the NTA to deliver quick wins. The NTA are open to 'Quick Wins'. Edel Kelly stated that she has asked for an engineer to help in Sarah Scannell's section in identifying difficulties.

5 BYPAD

Damian O Tuama gave a presentation of his Bypad audit of Dublin City Councils' impact on cycling conditions and cycling numbers. The audit identifies the current strengths and weaknesses of Dublin City Councils' cycling policy.

Cllr Cuffe asked how we move forward on the Greater Dublin Cycle network with other city councils.

Cllr Cuffe suggested that members may be interested in Rachael Aldret's work; she did a good project on 'near misses' in London.

Orlaith Maguire spoke about the new ad campaign launched re the 1.5 metres motorized vehicles spacing from cyclists.

Cllr Cuffe suggested it will be useful to reflect on BYPAD and respond to it!

6 Velo City

Cllr Cuffe would like to see the record of the workshop meetings for Velo City held in 2017; Edel Kelly & Sarah Scannell wrote the report. Edel Kelly indicated that there should be no problem circulating the report. Cllr Cuffe suggested that our web site would be useful for reporting on it and on cycle issues.

7 Stationless Bikes

The launch date for Stationless bikes is intended to be April 19th. Kevin Meade will put an ad in the media next week. There will most likely be 2 companies in Dublin; it's not a tender process but a willingness to comply with by-laws. We are looking for quality over quantity.

8 IBIKE

Stephen MacManus gave a report to the committee of the work that the lobby group do for cyclists. He stated that cyclists feel like second class citizens at times.

There have been 36 Actions by the group where they would physically prevent parking on cycle lanes in the city. There are 58 people on the IBIKE team and at least 275 volunteers who help with activities. Stephen says the IBIKE community is 4,827 strong.

The action on South Andrew Street regarding the contraflow cycle lane was seen as a success as bollards went up to prevent motorists from parking on the lanes after the 'Action'

Gardai claimed to have 417 fines issued to illegal parked motorists in 2017, whereas IBIKE claim to have identified 490 in one week.

IBIKE identified 61 TD's that support the cyclist amendment of 1.5 metres. They would like to engage Councillors to promote change regarding issues like bad road surfaces, bad design, bad enforcement etc.

IBIKE propose that a project where, for example Georges/Camden/Aungier Street could be used as a trial area and road fixing, removing parking spots and loading bays, best practises would be applied with buses and pedestrians. Advisory cycle lanes could be turned into mandatory and loading bays used only at particular times. That cycling safety receives DSPS' (Dublin Street Parking Services) equivalent attention that parking does.

South Great George's Street is part of Clonskeagh 2016. The study will start again in May 2018. The real issue there is trucks parking in cycle lanes.

Cllr Cuffe stated that the frustration in the cycling community i.e. Stonybatter – is there is no motivation to catch people parking in cycle lanes. We should give a direction to the DSPS to enforce it. We should get a report back on it.

Stephen McManus suggests 'community participation' in reporting illegal parking.

9 Delivery & Logistics Working Group Report

A report was given by Colm Ennis Senior Executive Engineer on the 2016 City Centre Transport Study; the group is working its way through the study regarding the delivery of goods and how to improve it in an environmental and sustainable manner.

Timing arrangements are being looked at regarding possibly reducing the amount of delivery hours in the morning and to extend it in the evening to help illegal parking on cycle lanes.

SBIR Fund (Small Businesses Innovation Research) - a competition was funded with help from Enterprise Ireland to run a competition for innovative research into "Last Mile City Centre deliveries". Small enterprises are invited to put forward solutions to making deliveries more efficient. There will be a launch on 26th April at the Lexicon Library in Dun Laoghaire inviting interested parties to send in their ideas.

10 Contra Flow Cycle Lanes (i.e Nassau Street)

No update for item 10

11 Update on Cycle Parking Provision

Chris Adamson (Acting Executive Engineer) previously gave the committee a report to read regarding the amount of cycle stands in the city, it included a map and a table of batches.

2013- 2016	120 Sheffield Stands (Batches 1-3)
2017	193 Sheffield Stands (Batch 4)
2018	45 to date (through other projects) and 220 to be completed by March 2018 (Batch 5)
	270 proposed installation by the end of May 2018 (Batch 6)
	And approx 310 in another 8/9 weeks (Batch 7)

12 LUAS Cross City and Cyclist Safety

The above item was not discussed at this meeting; it will be referred to a future date.

13 November Cordon Counts

The above item was not discussed at this meeting; it will be referred to a future date.

A.O.B

A two way cycle path on a one way street was discussed regarding Kildare Street/ /Nassau Street, Christopher K Manzira has submitted a proposal project to the NTA, it may require a statutory Instrument by the Government, the meeting regarding this didn't happen due to the snow!